

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 26 1500 Hours 29 September 2006

*New Information in Italics and Bold*

### SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Recovery Operations as activity transition to the Joint Field Office. Efforts focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

**EOC Activation:** The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, assisting in damage assessments compilation and preparing for opening of a Joint Field Office.

**VDEM Priorities:** Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; transition to the administration of recovery programs for Public Assistance; assist in the appeal of the Federal decision not to award Individual Assistance; and keep stakeholders and the public informed.

An After Action Review by representatives of those agencies which responded at the VEOC for Tropical Storm Ernesto will be conducted on 5 October.

### STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Marine Resources Commission language for an amended Executive Order has been accepted. On 15 September Governor Kaine amended Executive Order Number 34 (2006) by providing for an expedited state permitting process for pier and shoreline restoration projects needed to correct damage caused by Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond.

President Bush granted Governor Kaine's request for Federal Assistance and declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 22 September due to damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 August. The Cities of Poquoson and Richmond as well as the Counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York were designated to receive Public Assistance along with eligible State Government, Local Government and private non-profit organizations. Public Assistance for the Cities of Hampton and Newport News as well as the Counties of New Kent and Southampton has not been approved. All jurisdictions in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. ***Formal denial of request for Individual Assistance was received from FEMA Headquarters on 28 September. The Governor will formally appeal the denial of Individual Assistance to realign the appeal denial and application process that was inadvertently interrupted earlier this month.***

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**Protective Actions:**     **Local State of Emergency Declared**

James City County – 7 September @ 1200  
York County – 1 September @ 0900  
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900  
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130  
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200  
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230  
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200  
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200  
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400  
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830  
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600  
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200  
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

**Adjacent Jurisdictions:**

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency  
West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

**ESF 15 – External Affairs:** Distributed Press Release on 22 September announcing the Presidential Disaster Declaration and continuing to respond to media, legislative and numerous public inquires. ***Media alert being distributed to the media announcing Joint Information Center phone number and staffing Joint Field Office.***

Michael Cline, State Coordinator, briefed the Virginia Congressional Delegation on 25 September in Washington DC on FEMA Disaster Recovery Programs. ***VDEM is continuing to keep the Virginia Congressional Delegation members aware of developments in the disaster process.***

## **WEATHER FORECAST**

***Tropical Storm Isaac formed on 28 September in the central Atlantic and is about 550 miles East-Southeast of Bermuda and moving toward the West-Northwest near 6 MPH. This general motion and some increase in strength are expected over the next 24 hours. At this time, Isaac is not expected to become a hurricane or directly threaten land.***

***Tonight: Mostly clear with low temperatures in the low 40's to upper 40's with variable winds 5 to 10 MPH.***

***Saturday: Sunny then becoming partly to mostly cloudy. High temperatures mid 60's to upper 70's with overnight lows upper 40's to upper 50's. There is a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon increasing to 60% in the evening and overnight. Winds will be South-Southwest 5 to 10 MPH.***

***Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers. High temperatures upper 60's to upper 70's with overnight lows upper 40's to low 50's. Winds will be West-Southwest 5 to 10 MPH.***

***Monday: Mostly clear with high temperatures mid 70's to low 80's.***

## **OPERATIONS SECTION**

**STATE WARNING POINT:** Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

**LOCAL LIAISON:** Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

| <u><b>Request</b></u> | <u><b>Locality</b></u> | <u><b>Status</b></u>                            |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---|
| Water Pumps           | City of Richmond       | <b><i>Extended to 8 October by Governor</i></b> |

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## RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

### Initial Damage Assessment Report:

| <u>Locality</u>           | <u>Private</u> | <u>Public*</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Accomack County           | \$4,911,856    | \$781,169.96*  |
| Alexandria                | \$20,000       | \$20,000       |
| Amelia County             | N/A            | \$29,121.73*   |
| Appomattox County         | N/A            | \$8,782.98     |
| Arlington County          | N/A            | \$2,000*       |
| Bedford County            | N/A            | \$3,218.07     |
| Brunswick County          | N/A            | \$17,427.86*   |
| Buckingham County         | N/A            | \$478.68       |
| Campbell County           | N/A            | \$16,119.47    |
| Caroline County           | \$9,000        | \$76,200*      |
| Charles City County       | N/A            | \$5,800*       |
| Charlotte County          | N/A            | \$14,225.71*   |
| Chesterfield County       | \$100,000      | \$30,573.84*   |
| City of Chesapeake        | \$20,700**     | \$449,304      |
| Chincoteague, Town of     | \$254,000      | \$111,500      |
| Colonial Heights, City of | \$12,000       | N/A            |
| Cumberland County         | N/A            | \$16,825.28*   |
| Dinwiddie County          | \$75,000       | \$141,514.75*  |
| Essex County              | \$1,250,000    | \$205,192.19*  |
| Fairfax County            | N/A            | \$70,000*      |
| Franklin County           | N/A            | \$75,000*      |
| Goochland County          | N/A            | \$2,000*       |
| Gloucester County         | \$1,336,460    | \$607,656*     |
| Greensville County        | N/A            | \$38,604*      |
| Halifax County            | N/A            | \$3,300*       |
| Hampton City              | \$1,763,000**  | \$39,000       |
| Hanover County            | N/A            | \$2,000*       |
| Henrico County            | N/A            | \$10,000*      |
| Henry County              | \$30,000       | N/A            |
| Hopewell City             | \$5,000        | \$28,000       |
| Isle of Wight County      | N/A            | \$280,000*     |
| James City County         | \$150,000      | \$250,000*     |
| King George County        | \$1,000,000    | \$374,000*     |
| King and Queen County     | N/A            | \$135,804.90*  |
| King William County       | N/A            | \$105,964.81*  |
| Lancaster County          | N/A            | \$158,000*     |
| Loudoun County            | N/A            | \$35,000*      |
| Lunenburg County          | N/A            | \$43,842.16*   |
| Mathews County            | \$5,218,000    | \$360,000*     |
| Mecklenburg County        | N/A            | \$12,331.51*   |
| Middlesex County          | \$8,540,925    | \$510,000*     |
| New Kent County           | \$552,000      | \$19,500*      |
| Newport News, City of     | \$4,072,000    | \$137,109.26*  |
| Norfolk City              | N/A            | \$369,396      |
| Northampton County        | \$7,744,653    | \$124,162.68*  |
| Northumberland County     | \$18,805,000   | \$697,000*     |
| Nottoway County           | N/A            | \$32,368.11*   |
| Petersburg, City of       | \$20,000       | N/A            |
| Pittsylvania County       | N/A            | \$4,724.05     |
| Poquoson, City of         | \$406,000      | \$92,100       |
| Powhatan County           | \$100,000      | \$43,301.98*   |
| Prince Edward             | N/A            | \$34,097.21    |

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Prince George County    | \$315,500             | \$27,000*               |
| Prince William County   | N/A                   | \$40,000*               |
| Richmond City           | \$9,000,000           | \$41,358,298.79         |
| Richmond County         | \$1,550,000           | \$178,000*              |
| Southampton County      | N/A                   | \$55,100*               |
| Spotsylvania County     | N/A                   | \$22,000*               |
| Stafford County         | N/A                   | \$36,500*               |
| Surry County            | \$85,000              | \$159,300*              |
| Sussex County           | N/A                   | \$85,000*               |
| Virginia Beach, City of | \$225,000             | \$75,000                |
| Westmoreland County     | N/A                   | \$118,500*              |
| York County             | \$517,000             | \$937,000*              |
| <b>Subtotal</b>         | <b>\$68,088,094**</b> | <b>\$49,715,415.98*</b> |

## **State Agency (Excludes VDOT)**

Department of Corrections

### **Department of Emergency Management**

Department of Fire Programs

Department of Health

Dept of Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse

Department of General Services

Tidewater Community College

John Tyler Community College

Paul D. Camp Community College – Franklin Campus

Paul D. Camp Community College – Suffolk Campus

Thomas Nelson Community College

Virginia Port Authority

Virginia State Police

### **Subtotal**

## **Public\***

\$23,179

**\$1,544,000**

\$1,443

\$825

\$38,280

\$74,413.98

\$30,000

\$80,712

\$12,700

\$10,000

\$12,380

\$13,450.48

\$14,402.58

**\$1,861,019.55**

## **Grand Total**

\$68,088,094

**\$51,576,435.53**

\*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

\*\* includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

The FEMA Management Team, headed by Gracia Szczech, arrived on 26 September and has identified a site at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia for the Joint Field Office. **Michael Cline, State Coordinator, held a Kick-off Meeting on 28 September for personnel assigned to the JFO. The initial State/FEMA Joint Meeting to coordinate the opening of the Joint Field Office is tentatively scheduled for early next week.**

## **PLANNING SECTION**

**Planning:** Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office. **The Joint Field Office will assume responsibility for the Situation Reports on Tuesday, 3 October, 2006.**

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